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SUBJECT: EC SUMMIT: INITIAL REACTION OF FRG PRESS
IS FAVORABLE

1. THE EC SUMMIT WAS CARRIED AS THE TOP STORY IN
MOST OF THE DEC 11 FRG PRESS. WHILE IN MOST CASES
PRESS COMMENTARY WAS THIN DUE TO LACK OF SUFFICIENT
LEAD TIME, THE GENERAL REACTION WAS FAVORABLE AS
INDICATED BY HEADLINES SUCH AS "SUMMIT OVERCOMES
STANDSTILL IN EUROPE" (BONN GENERAL ANZEIGER),
"EC DOES NOT WANT TO LET ITSELF BE SPLIT UP"

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(FRANKFURTER RUNDESCHAU). IN GENERAL THE PRESS

CONCURRED WITH CONCLUSION OF SUDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG THAT THE PARIS MEETING WILL NOT BE RECORDED IN HISTORY BOOKS AS A SUMMIT OF ILLUSIONS LIKE THAT OF COPENHAGEN. THE PRESS ALSO LINKED THE PARIS SUMMIT WITH THE FORTHCOMING MARTINIQUE MEETING OBSERVING THAT FINAL CONCLUSION WILL ONLY BE MADE FOLLOWING THE TALKS BETWEEN GISCARD AND PRESIDENT FORD.

2. IN GIVING A MORE SOLID COMMENTARY THAN OTHER PAPERS, THE BONN GENERAL ANZEIGER EMPHASIZED THAT THE SUMMIT HAS AT LEAST "NOT SPOILED" ANYTHING FOR THE EUROPEAN FUTURE, AND NOTED THAT THE NEW EUROPEAN COUNCIL CAN IN THE FUTURE INJECT A DYNAMIC IMPULSE THROUGH ITS REGULAR MEETINGS. IN THE ENERGY POLICY AREA THE GENERAL ANZEIGER BELIEVES THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT HAS ACCOMPLISHED MUCH PREPARATORY WORK THROUGH HIS MEDIATION EFFORTS BETWEEN PARIS AND WASHINGTON AND EXPECTS MUCH PROGRESS TO BE ATTAINED DURING THE FORTHCOMING MEETING BETWEEN FORD AND GISCARD. IT CAUTIONED THAT THESE TALKS MUST BE DIRECTED TOWARDS A SOLUTION WITHOUT CONFRONTATION. WITH REGARD TO THE ECONOMIC STABILITY PROGRAMS ON WHICH AGREEMENT WAS REACHED IN PARIS, THE GENERAL ANZEIGER BELIEVES THAT THE CONFERENCE HAS SHOWN THAT NOT JUST ANY RECIPE OF CYCLICAL CONTROL CAN BE USED AT ANY TIME AND ANY PLACE".
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